

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a floor controller ~~(14,140)~~ of a communications network ~~(8)~~ including a group ~~(19)~~ of network components ~~(12,14)~~ which are configured to receive a data stream ~~(16)~~ from a data source ~~(10)~~, comprising the steps of:

- selecting the network component ~~(12,14,140)~~ which is to control the data source ~~(10)~~;

- receiving a control instruction from at least one network component ~~(12,14,140)~~, the control instruction relating to a control of the data source ~~(10)~~; and

in response to receipt of the control instruction from the selected network component ~~(12)~~, triggering the transmission of a corresponding session control command to the data source ~~(10)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the control instruction relates to a control of the data stream ~~(16)~~.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the floor controller ~~(14)~~ belongs to the group ~~(19)~~ of network components ~~(12,14)~~ which receive the data stream ~~(16)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the data stream (46) belongs to a streaming or gaming or gambling session initiated by the floor controller (14,140).

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~, wherein the floor controller (14,140) confers at least one of a direct access to the data source (40) and floor control at least temporarily to one of the network components (12) of the group (49) of network components

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 to 5~~, wherein the floor controller (14,140) passes control of the data source (40) by instructing one of the network components (12) to take over session control or upon receipt of a request for session control from one of the network components (12).

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 to 6~~, wherein a session control channel (20) for receiving control instructions is established only between the floor controller (14,140) and the selected network component (12) of the group (49) of network components.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 to 6~~, wherein session control channels (20) for receiving control instructions are established between the floor controller (140) and two or more network components (12,14) of the group (49) of network components.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 to 8~~, wherein for floor control purposes a floor control channel (20) is established between the floor controller (14,140) and at least one of the network components.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 to 9~~, wherein the floor controller (14,140) performs at least one of an authentication and authorization relating to at least one of the network components (12) and control instructions.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer program product within a computer usable medium for controlling a floor controller of a communications network including a group of network components which are configured to receive a data stream from a data source, comprising:

instructions within the computer usable medium for selecting the network component which is to control the data source;

instructions within the computer usable medium for receiving a control instruction from at least one network component, the control instruction relating to a control of the data source; and

in response to receipt of the control instruction from the selected network component utilizing instructions within the computer usable medium for triggering the transmission of a corresponding session control command to the data source.

~~comprising program code portions performing the steps of claims 1 to 10 when the computer program product is run on a network component (12, 14, 140).~~

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A floor controller (14, 140) of a communications network (8) including a group (19) of network components (12, 14) which are configured to receive a data stream (16) from a data source (10), the floor controller (14, 140) comprising:

- a selection unit (36) for selecting the network component (12, 14, 140) which is to control the data source (10);

- a first interface (30) for receiving control instructions from one or more of the network components (12, 14, 140), the control instructions relating to a control of the data source (10); and

- a second interface (32) for triggering, in response to receipt of control instructions, the transmission of corresponding session control commands to the data source (10).

14. (Currently Amended) The floor controller of claim 13, wherein the floor controller is a mobile or stationary terminal (14) or wherein the floor controller is configured as a proxy component (140) or wherein the floor controller (14) is co-located with the data source (10).

15. - 16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A user interface (100,112,130) of a network component (12,14) belonging to a group (19) of network components which are configured to receive a data stream (46) from a data source (40), the user interface comprising:

a first control element (104,116, 134) for controlling the data source (40), the first control element (104,116, 134) being adapted to be activated to generate a control instruction which is sent to a floor controller (14,140) selecting the network component that is to control the streaming source (40), the control instruction prompting the floor controller (14,140) to trigger transmission of a corresponding session control command to the data source(40).

18. (Currently Amended) The user interface of claim 17, further comprising [[an]] a second control element (124) for requesting session control, the second control element (124) being adapted to be activated to generate a request for session control which is sent to the floor controller (14,140) and prompts the floor controller (14,140) to confer session control to the network component (12) which requested session control.

19. (Currently Amended) The user interface of claim 17 ~~one of claims 17 or 18~~, further comprising a third control element for requesting floor control, the third control element being adapted to be activated to generate a request for floor control

which is sent to the floor controller (14,140) and prompts the floor controller (14, 140) to confer floor control to the network component (12) which requested floor control.

20. (Currently Amended) The user interface of claim 17 ~~one of claims 17 to 19~~, further comprising a fourth control element for requesting direct access to the data source (10), the fourth control element being adapted to be activated to generate a request for direct access which is sent to the floor controller (14,140) that prompts the owner of that direct access (14,140) to confer direct access to the network component (12) which requested direct access.

21. (Currently Amended) The user interface of claim 17 ~~one of claims 17 to 20~~, further comprising a fifth control element being adapted to be activated to instruct one of the network components to take over at least one of a session control, floor control, and direct access to the data source.

22. (Currently Amended) The user interface of claim 17 ~~one of claims 17 to 21~~, further comprising an indicator element (116,120, 122,124, 134, 136) for indicating to an operator of the network component (12,14,140) that at least one of session control, floor control, and direct access has been conferred to him or to an operator of another network component.

23. (New) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the control instruction relates to a control of the data stream.

24. (New) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the floor controller belongs to the group of network components which receive the data stream.

25. (New) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the data stream belongs to a streaming or gaming or gambling session initiated by the floor controller.

26. (New) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the floor controller confers at least one of a direct access to the data source and floor control at least temporarily to one of the network components of the group of network components

27. (New) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the floor controller passes control of the data source by instructing one of the network components to take over session control or upon receipt of a request for session control from one of the network components.

28. (New) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein a session control channel for receiving control instructions is established only between the floor controller and the selected network component of the group of network components.

29. (New) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein session control channels for receiving control instructions are established between the floor controller and two or more network components of the group of network components.

30. (New) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein for floor control purposes a floor control channel is established between the floor controller and at least one of the network components.

31. (New) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the floor controller performs at least one of an authentication and authorization relating to at least one of the network components and control instructions